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In re Application of:

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Examiner: Patricia K. Bex

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action of October 8, 2002. A fee of \$930.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

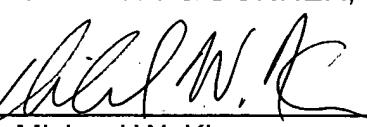
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Respectfully submitted,

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